

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, December 2, 2013, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Alderman Colette George

(arrived after roll call)

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Alderman John Clark and Alderman Jantry Shupe.
3. **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT – BALL FIELDS.** Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt gave a presentation on tasks and strategies to accommodate the youth and adult baseball and softball leagues for 2014 until the new fields are up and running in 2015. Mr. McCartt then provided details on the sites that were being considered for the new fields, describing the pros and cons of each. The committee unanimously recommended the General Shale site, noting the favorable access, proximity and expandability. He provided a conceptual master plan and discussed the next steps needed in order to move forward, along with the proposed timeline of events. Mr. McCartt also pointed out there are potential interested sponsors in this project as well.
4. **STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – FIRE DEPT.** Fire Chief Dye presented this item. He discussed the ISO requirements and improvements necessary. He further outlined the needs of the department as the city continues to grow and also as a result of acquiring the responsibility of the rookie school.
5. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman Parham asked for the carousel to be added. Mr. McCartt discussed the timeline of moving forward on this project. Mayor Phillips expressed concern that there have been no signed documents regarding the carousel property from Food City. City Attorney Billingsley provided further details and answered questions. Some discussion followed.

Mayor Phillips commented when the charter changed last, the board lost the ability to have checks and balances regarding the city manager, noting the BMA doesn't have anyone to go to if the city manager is doing something wrong. He pointed out that many places have separate board attorneys for such matters. Mr. Campbell stated the city manager profession has one of the earliest codes of ethics and the board could always go to the police chief if criminal activity is suspected, noting there are a number of other avenues to be taken.

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(NOTE: City Attorney Billingsley left the meeting at this time.)

6. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 3, 2013 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.B.1 Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Kingsport, Tennessee, Division 2, Section 98-215 through Section 98-235, Regarding Parking in the Downtown Area (AF: 312-2013). Planning Manager Lynn Tully explained there was a previous request to look at overnight parking options for downtown residents. Ms. Tully provided details of the options being presented for residents, their visitors and ongoing construction workers. There was some discussion and Ms. Tully answered questions from the board. Vice-Mayor McIntire pointed out this needs to be communicated well to everyone.

VI.C.2 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning of a Portion of Parcel 125, Tax Map 32J, Located Off East Stone Drive in the 10th Civil District of Sullivan County (AF: 278-2013). City Manager Campbell asked for this item to be deferred again since City Attorney Billingsley has not had a chance to speak to the other party's lawyer.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Change Order with Thomas Construction Company, Inc. for the Sullivan Street Improvements Phase 1 Project (AF: 311-2013). Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds provided details on this item.

VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Renewal of the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance with Safety National Casualty Corporation (AF: 303-2013). City Manager Campbell discussed this item, noting the city is under the national average, even though there was one bad claim. Risk Manager Terri Evans confirmed the employee was active when the claim was filed, but is retired now.

VI.D.6 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to PCS for the Purchase of Wireless Access Points and Licenses for the School System (AF: 316-2013). School Superintendant Dr. Lyle Ailshie provided details on this and the next several items. He stated these requests were presented as part of the budget process last summer. He further stated they are included in the bond issue, but there has been a delay so the order could be placed altogether at one time. Director of Technology Mr. John Payne reviewed the logistical details of the equipment to be purchased, distributed and installed. Dr. Ailshie noted this initial purchase only gets the schools to about 60-70% of where they need to be for online testing. There was considerable discussion as Dr. Ailshie and Mr. Payne answered questions from the board. Mayor Phillips was concerned about purchasing short-term computer equipment on a 20 year bond.

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VI.D.8 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Dell for the Purchase of Laptops for Administrators and Students for the School System (AF: 313-2013). See Item VI.D.6.

VI.D.9 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to CDWG for the Purchase of Tablets, Computers and Wireless Infrastructure Equipment for the School System (AF: 314-2013). See Item VI.D.6.

VI.D.10 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Hi-Line Construction for the Purchase of Services for the Wireless Infrastructure in the School System (AF: 315-2013). See Item VI.D.6.

VI.D.12 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Property Swap Agreement for Property Located at 1113 Konnarock Road and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement and Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 301-2013). Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave details on this item and the potential use of part of the PET Dairy building the city purchased. He stated an appraisal has been done for both sides and it is currently in the city's favor, noting the number one intent was to secure the easement. He stated the building we acquired in the swap is not needed and can be sold. Mayor Phillips is concerned if the city has a new building, staff will find a use for it. He encouraged the city to get rid of it as soon as possible.

VII.7 Approve Adoption of the 2014 Joint Tri-Cities Legislative Agenda (AF: 306-2013). Community and Government Relations Director Tim Whaley provided information on this item, noting this has been a collaborative effort with Johnson City and Bristol for more than a decade. He gave highlights from the agenda and answered questions from the board. Some discussion followed.

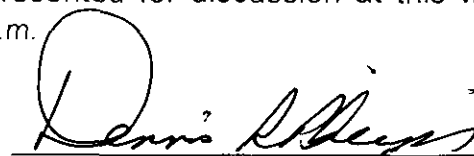
BOARD COMMENT. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Ms. Barbara Brown commented on school technology.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.


JAMES H. GEMMING
City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor